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 5 Applicant Microsoft Corporation
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PETITION TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37
CFR 1.181

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Applicant received a Notice of Abandonment from the Office dated 01/13/2004. The Office indicates in the Notice that Applicant failed to timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 6/18/2004. Applicant respectfully requests the Commissioner to withdraw the holding of abandonment on the basis that Applicant did timely file a proper reply to the Office letter mailed on 6/18/2004.

Applicant submits herewith as evidence of such reply, an "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission" document dated 07/30/2003. The "Auto-Reply Facsimile Transmission" document includes a copy of Applicant's Certificate of Transmission under 37 CFR 1.8, which indicates a Fee Transmittal and Response to Office Action dated 6/18/03 were transmitted with the Certificate.

1 Applicant further submits herewith, copies of the Certificate of Transmission
2 under 37 CFR 1.8, the Fee Transmittal, and the Response To Office Action, each of
3 which was filed on 7/30/2003.

4 We believe that no petition fee is necessary in this case.
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7 Respectfully Submitted,
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